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(*g*) whether these 'permanent' men are not to be considered as still under Government service and entitled to all the benefits of that service like the other teachers who still continue under regular Government service;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that permanent teachers under the changed management have got several grievances which were duly represented to Government; and

(*i*) whether he will be pleased to inquire into those grievances?

A.—(*a*) One hundred and seventy-six.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to tables (37) and (57) of the supplemental statistics in volume II of the Public Instruction Report.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) The teachers were not on a time-scale of pay at the time of the transfer of the schools.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

(*g*) Under article 804 of the Civil Service Regulations, teachers and other members of the pensionable establishment transferred with the schools to service under local bodies will continue to render service qualifying for pension from the Provincial revenues. In other respects, they are purely servants of the local bodies.

(*h*) & (*i*) The teachers should represent their grievances, if any, to the local body which employs them.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"If the local bodies do not redress the grievances of permanent teachers, is the hon. the Minister prepared to consider their applications?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Will the hon. Member kindly specify which clause he refers to?"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Clauses (*h*) & (*i*) of the question."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"It is an hypothetical case which I am not prepared to answer."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I say that it is not a hypothetical case? Most of the taluk boards are working at a deficit, and when they were applied to they had to plead poverty."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"If a particular taluk board is labouring under such a disadvantage, and if an application is received, the whole thing will be reviewed and considered."

Constitution and work of the Tamil Lexicon Committee.

* 83 *Q*.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the constitution of the present Tamil Lexicon Committee and what are the special qualifications of the members for the work the Committee has to do;

(*b*) what is the total grant given for the work and what is the balance they have at present out of the grant;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the last report of the Committee;

(*d*) when was the last volume of the Lexicon published ; how many volumes have been published up to date ; what is the reason for the delay in publication ;

(*e*) how many copies are printed ; how many copies of the first volume have been sold ; what will be the saving if only half the number of copies now printed are printed;

(*f*) whether there is any contract with any printer for printing the work ; if so, with whom ; whether the printer has been fulfilling his contract ; if not, what steps have been taken against him either to get the work properly done in future or to get damages for non-fulfilment of the contract ; and

(*g*) when the Government think the work will be completed and what additional cost it will involve before completion ?

A.—(*a*) (1) M.R.Ry. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar Avargal, B.A., B.L. (Chairman).
(2) The Reverend J. S. Chandler, M.A., B.D.
(3) The Reverend F. Kingsbury, B.A. (Assistant Editor).
(4) M.R.Ry. S. Kuppuswami Sastriyar Avargal, M.A.
(5) Mr. W. H. Warren, M.A., PH.D., D.SC.
(6) The Reverend G. Matthews, M.A., B. LITT.
(7) M.R.Ry. E. V. Anantarama Ayyar Avargal.
(8) ,, S. E. Ranganathan Avargal, M.A., L.T.
(9) ,, K. V. Krishnaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A., B.L.
(10) ,, Mahamahopadyaya V. Swaminatha Ayyar Avargal.
(11) ,, C. K. Subrahmanya Mudaliyar Avargal, B.A.
(12) ,, S. Anavartavinayakam Pillai Avargal, M.A., L.T.
(13) The Reverend W. Meston, M.A., D.D.
(14) The hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillai, C.I.E., I.S.O., M.A., B.L., LL.B.
(15) M.R.Ry. C. P. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T. (Editor and Correspondent).

Appointment of members to the Committee rests with the University. It is presumed that the members are appointed because they are considered suitable for the work.

(*b*) A grant of Rupees one lakh was sanctioned by the Government in the first instance. By the end of 1920 this had been completely utilized. The University has been incurring further expenditure on the Lexicon from the recurring Government grants annually paid to that body. The aggregate expenditure up to the 31st March 1925 was Rs. 1,71,666-11-2.

(*c*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 714, Law (Education), dated the 6th May 1925, placed on Editors' Table.

(*d*) One volume has been published till now. The progress of work is watched by the University.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.

(*g*) It was estimated by the University in 1921 that it would take six years to complete the work and that a total expenditure of Rs. 2·61 lakhs would have to be incurred.

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—" With reference to clauses (*e*) & (*f*) will the hon. the Minister call for information ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" The hon. Member can himself obtain the information from the University or the Syndicate "

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" Has the hon. the Minister nothing to do with the University or the Syndicate, or have we no right to put the question to the hon. the Minister? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I have only suggested that the direct course would be more helpful."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" It is not possible for us to get the information. The University is not bound to give the information to everybody, and so far as the Senate and the Syndicate are concerned, we are strangers to them. Will the hon. the Minister care to send for the information? Because so far as my information which I got from outside is concerned, it seems that heaps of money are being wasted on this matter. We are anxious that this money is well spent."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" As to the wastage of money alleged by the hon. Member, it is the University that is responsible and not the Government."

The Raja of Ramnad :—" There has been considerable delay in the matter of this publication. Will the hon. the Minister kindly direct the Committee in charge of the work to suggest new measures to bring about early publication of the work? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I will certainly communicate what the hon. Members have said to-day to the University."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" Is the Government aware that the composition of the Committee is not very satisfactory? It seems there are people in the Committee whose qualifications with regard to Tamil is not high."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I am not prepared to think so. Because those members were selected by a responsible body, as being capable of serving in a Committee like that."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" Are there not many persons on the Committee who are not really authorities on Tamil? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" That depends on the standard we apply for the purpose of judging."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" I am told there are some people who cannot intelligently understand anything like literature in Tamil."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" If my hon. Friend will only make the statement to the body who appointed this Committee, they will be able to answer him and defend themselves."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar :—" We are financing a scheme in which we have no hand. That is the trouble. That is why we adopt the circuitous way of putting questions here."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" This is a matter in which the University has full responsibility with which we do not interfere."